

# Fort Caspar Museum

## Events & Programs Newsletter

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## Volunteers Needed

Want to give a helping hand and make a difference? Volunteer at Fort Caspar Museum!

People from all over the world visit our city and the museum. Would you like to meet them? Share a "hidden gem" and a piece of our past with them? If so, there are opportunities for you.

Fort Caspar Museum is looking for volunteers to help at the Front Desk or as a Docent with school tours from May – September.

Front Desk Volunteers assist staff and the public from May to September. Volunteers greet visitors, ring up admissions and bookstore sales on the cash register, assist in re-

stocking the bookstore, answer visitor questions regarding site history and area attractions, and answer the telephone. Staff will provide training on all of these duties.

Docents help give tours to school students from around Wyoming. They lead tours of the fort buildings and assist with museum gallery activities. Staff will provide training about site history and how to work with students during the tours. Docents are



A school group learns about the frontier army during a fort tour.

asked to give one tour (about 2 hours) a week during the spring session, fall session or both.

At FCM, we appreciate our volunteers. Benefits of volunteering include an invitation to a yearly volunteer appreciation dinner, and twenty (20) recorded volunteer hours entitles you to a free one-year individual membership in the Fort Caspar Museum Association.

We've set an orientation training session for new volunteers on Friday, April 9th at 3:30 pm. If you plan to attend, and/or if you are interested in volunteering, please let us know!

Call Anne Holman or Erin Rose at 235-8462.

## Museum Store

The museum store has many new items for all ages! New items are stocked throughout the year.

### For Adults

New t-shirt & sweatshirts  
FCM postcard pack with 8 unique postcards  
OCTA Trail Map  
*The Horse Soldier, 1776-1943: The United States Cavalryman* by Randy Steffen

### For Kids

Casper coloring t-shirt  
New old-fashioned toys (coming late spring!)  
Sundial compass  
*Crossing the Colorado Rockies* by Laurie Lawlor (American Sisters Series)



**Danny Walker's 2009 Presentation on his archaeological work at Legend Rock**

***Did you know?***  
**2010 is the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express**



## Impressions on Wyoming Lecture Series

"Impressions on Wyoming," our annual six-week summer lecture series, begins on Wednesday, June 16th at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Use Room at Fort Caspar Museum. Join us every Wednesday to learn about Wyoming from past to present and from east to west. Lectures are free of charge and

sponsored by the Wyoming Humanities Council.

### June 16th

Chavawn Kelly  
"Alfred Jacob Miller and the 1837 Rendezvous"

### June 23rd

Jeff Barnes  
"Forts of Wyoming"

### June 30th

Jim Ehernberger  
"The Blizzard of 1949"

### July 7th

Patricia Wolfe  
"Heart Mountain War Relocation Center: Remembering the Untold Story"

### July 14th

Les Bennington  
"The Pony Express: 150 Years of History and Commemoration"

### July 23rd

Dr. Danny Walker  
"Finding the Battle of Red Buttes"

## Pony Express Re-Ride

Mark your calendars! Wednesday, June 16th, the re-ride of the Pony Express is coming through Casper and will



stop briefly at Fort Caspar Museum.

This annual event, hosted by the National Pony Express Association, covers the entire length of the Pony Express Trail. Volunteer riders will travel the 1,966-mile route from California to

Missouri from June 6th - 26th.

Stay tuned for more details about activities as the Pony Express makes a stop at Fort Caspar Museum!

## Upcoming Traveling Exhibits

There is always something new to see at the museum. Several traveling exhibits are planned for 2010. *The Bison: An American Icon*, from the Mid-America Arts Alliance and NEH on the

Road, is on exhibit in April and May. (See the next page for more information.) Starting in early June, stop by to see the *More Pronghorn than People* exhibit from the American Heritage Cen-

ter in Laramie. From all four corners to the highways of big wonderful Wyoming, this photographic exhibit highlights the abundance of pronghorn.

# The Bison: An American Icon Traveling Exhibit

*The Bison: An American Icon* is a traveling exhibit that will be on view at Fort Caspar Museum from April 6th - May 25th. FCM is the first museum in the country to host this exhibit.

This exhibit explores the meaning and significance of the bison from the Plains Indian cultures of the 1800s to the commercial and national symbol of the present. Follow the dramatic changes that occurred to the animal and its habitat and to the people who depended on it for their daily existence.



Bison berry pounding bowl, c. 2009.

Few animals conjure the power and symbolic presence of the North American bison. Whether painted on a tipi or an artist's canvas, minted on a nickel, or seen grazing in Yellowstone National Park, the image of the bison stirs in us deep loyalties to the North American landscape. Wild and fundamental, the bison is a familiar part of our shared heritage.

*The Bison: An American Icon* has been made possible by NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit was originally developed by the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana, and co-curated by Anne Morand and Dr. Lynne Spriggs. This exhibit is toured by Mid-America Arts Alliance through NEH on the Road. For more information, visit [www.maaa.org](http://www.maaa.org) or [www.nehontheroad.org](http://www.nehontheroad.org). Additional support provided by First Interstate Bank in Casper.



Above Left: Buffalo Ammonia bottle label, c. 1930s.

Above Right: Wind Cave National Park, National Park Service centennial medal, 2009.



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## Bison Exhibit Special Events

In addition to the exhibit, the museum will host two special events in April and May. These programs are supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Give us a call for more information and times for these programs.

When: Saturday, April 24th  
Time TBA

Who: Reba Teran,  
Eastern Shoshone

Where: FCM Classroom

*Join Teran for storytime in the morning, as she shares her children's book. In the afternoon, learn more about the Eastern Shoshone and that tribe's use of the buffalo.*

When: Saturday, May 1st  
Time TBA

Who: Annin Soldier Wolf & Family,  
Northern Arapaho

Where: FCM Classroom

*Visit with Annin about his family history and learn more about the traditional arts he practices.*

## Fun for all ages!

# Museum Passport to Adventure Program

2010 is the 9th annual Museum Passport to Adventure Hunt offered by the Casper Museum Consortium. From May 1st - August 31st, you are invited to pick up your free passport booklet at any Casper museum and visit 6 of the 12 sites listed in the passport. Answer a question at each museum, get

your passport stamped, and turn in your Answer Sheet at the last museum you visit.

You will then be eligible to win prizes featuring all the best things to do in Casper: a fishing trip down the North Platte River, tickets to concerts and plays, and sporting events, and more. Bring

the whole family and support your local museums!

### Participating Museums

Audubon Center at Garden Creek  
Casper Planetarium  
Crimson Dawn  
Fort Caspar Museum  
Mormon Handcart Center  
National Historic Trails Interpretive Center  
Nicolaysen Art Museum & Discovery Center  
Salt Creek Oilfield Museum  
Science Zone  
Tate Geological Museum  
Werner Wildlife Museum

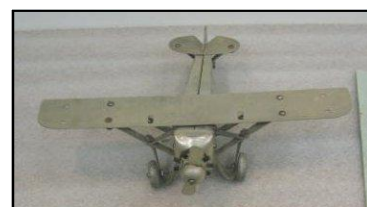
## Curator's Corner

### From Michelle Bahe, Curator of Collections

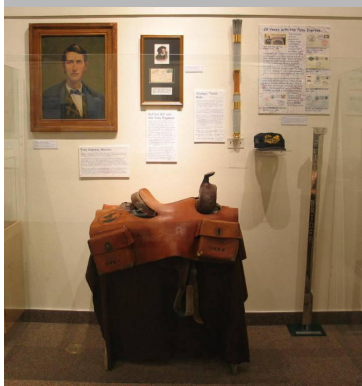
We have found many wonderful things as we have been moving the collection in preparation for the installation of new compactor storage units that are part of the museum expansion project.

One of our favorites is this model of the Spirit of St. Louis by Metalcraft Corporation, c. 1930.

Late this fall we will change our temporary exhibit space from the Pony Express and W.H. Jackson exhibits with one



featuring toys from the museum collection. The exhibit will include late-19th- and 20th-century dolls, metal fire engines, a chemistry set, jigsaw puzzles, toy guns and much more.



The exhibit highlights artifacts from the 1996 Olympic Relay including the mochila and torch used by Pony Express Re-Riders.

## Let's Ride: Celebrating the Pony Express

### & An Eye on Wyoming: William Henry Jackson

It's not too late! Two temporary exhibits were added in December and will be up through late fall 2010. You don't want to miss *Let's Ride: Celebrating the Pony Express* and *An Eye on Wyoming:*

*William Henry Jackson.*

*Let's Ride* features artifacts commemorating the Pony Express during the 20<sup>th</sup> century and includes a hands-on section for kids.

*An Eye on Wyoming* focuses on artist Jackson's time in Wyoming starting with the Hayden Survey in 1870 until the 1930s. Don't miss the chance to lay your eyes on Wyoming's past!

# Fremont's Friends Club - Summer Activities



**A young explorer and her bison mask in 2008**

Summer activities for kids and their families are in the works for 2010. Formerly known as the Explorers Club, Fremont's Friends Club is named in honor of the museum's mascot, First Sergeant Fremont Ferret. Fremont's Friends learn about Wyoming's past with stories and hands-on activities.

Join us for eight fun-filled weeks learning about history from June 10th - July 29th. No reservation necessary: just show up and have some fun!

**Thursdays from 2:00 - 3:00 pm.** Children must be accompanied by an adult. FREE with admission. Call 235-8462 for more details.



## FCMA Luncheons

Fort Caspar Museum Association has set the date for the spring and fall 2010 luncheons. Mark your calendars!

Join us on Saturday, June 12th at 12:00 pm to lunch and learn!

Emilene Ostlind and Joe Riis, both University of Wyoming graduates, will tell their story of walking the

300-mile migration corridor of the pronghorn antelope to document one of the world's greatest long-distance animal migrations.

"Pronghorn Passage" is presented on behalf of the Wyoming Humanities Council 2010 Humanities Forum.

For FCMA members, you'll receive an invitation about a month before the program, including the menu and cost.

**"Save the Date"**  
**for the Fall luncheon**  
**Saturday, September 25th**  
**at 12:00 pm**

## Museum Adventure Quest Camp

30 Campers. 8 Museums. 3 Days. The Casper Museum Consortium, including Fort Caspar Museum, is working together to offer Museum Adventure Quest Camp from July 27 - 29, 2010. The 3-day camp allows students entering 4th through 7th grades to do a variety of hands-on activities with several local museums. This year's theme is "Going Green."



**2008 Museum Adventure Quest Campers**

The camp will be held at the Izaak Walton League Clubhouse at the Fort Caspar Campground from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm each day.

Registration materials will be available soon. Registration is \$30 for museum members (any Casper museum) or \$40 for non-members. Please call Erin Rose for more information at 235-8462.



### Mission

Fort Caspar Museum collects, preserves, and exhibits materials related to the history of Fort Caspar, the City of Casper, Natrona County and central Wyoming.

### Hours of Operation

October - April

Tuesday - Saturday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

May & September

Daily, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

June - August

Daily, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

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# Fort Caspar Museum Event Calendar

- April 6: Traveling Exhibit: *The Bison: An American Icon* OPENS
- April 22: Reading Wyoming Book Discussion Meeting #3 at 6:30 pm
- April 24: Special Program: Reba Teran, Time TBA
- May 1: Fort Buildings OPEN for Summer Season
- May 1: Passport to Adventure Program BEGINS
- May 1: Special Program: Annin Soldier Wolf, Time TBA
- May 13: Reading Wyoming Book Discussion Meeting #4 at 6:30 pm
- May 25: Traveling Exhibit: *The Bison: An American Icon* CLOSES
- June - July: Traveling Exhibit: *More Pronghorns than People* OPEN
- June 10: Fremont's Friends Club for Kids, 2 - 3 pm
- June 12: Fort Caspar Museum Association Lunch and Learn Program, 12:00 pm
- June 16: Pony Express Re-Ride stops at Fort Caspar Museum, Time TBA
- June 16: Lecture: "Alfred Jacob Miller and the 1837 Rendezvous," 7 pm
- June 17: Fremont's Friends Club for Kids, 2 - 3 pm
- June 23: Lecture: "Forts of Wyoming," 7 pm
- June 24: Fremont's Friends Club for Kids, 2 - 3 pm
- June 30: Lecture: "The Blizzard of 1949," 7 pm
- July 1: Fremont's Friends Club for Kids, 2 - 3 pm
- July 7: Lecture: "Heart Mountain War Relocation Center: Remembering the Untold Story," 7 pm
- July 8: Fremont's Friends Club for Kids, 2 - 3 pm
- July 14: Lecture: "The Pony Express: 150 Years of History and Commemoration," 7 pm
- July 15: Fremont's Friends Club for Kids, 2 - 3 pm
- July 21: Lecture: "Finding the Battle of Red Buttes," 7 pm
- July 22: Fremont's Friends Club for Kids, 2-3 pm
- July 27-29: Museum Adventure Quest Camp
- July 29: Fremont's Friends Club for Kids, 2-3 pm
- Aug. 31: Passport to Adventure Program ENDS
- Sept. 25: Fort Caspar Museum Association Lunch and Learn Program, 12:00 pm
- Sept. 30: Fort Buildings CLOSE for Summer Season